

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Ukraine and Donations

We are now watching week four of the unprincipled war of aggression in Ukraine by Russia's leadership. The CTA stands opposed to wars of aggression by any nation and with the people of Ukraine in their struggle. We are all seeing terrible destruction of people and property in Mariupol, the outskirts of Kyiv and elsewhere in Ukraine. We are seeing hundreds of thousands of people displaced into the west of the country, right out of it into neighbouring countries or around the world to family and friends elsewhere. This is something largely unimaginable to many of us here in North America. We have teachers in our local who are working desperately to help their families and the families of others to escape the war. The CTA wants to aid these efforts in any way it can. We are asking members to donate to recognized aid organizations like the Red Cross, Medicins Sans Frontieres, UNICEF, the United Way or similar, to raise resources to help these displaced persons. The CTA will do what it can to make similar donations as well.

Masks, Restrictions and the Trauma-informed Lens

It seems, based upon the level of communications from the membership to us and to the district, people are adjusting to the changed expectations by the PHO around mask protocols and other restrictions reasonably well. The CTA hopes that this decision is the right one and that we will be able to move ahead here to a more manageable level with COVID, after two very long years. The CTA asks that members continue to be respectful of the choices everyone in the schools make around continuing to wear a mask or not. That solidarity and respect will be instrumental in getting us to the next stage in dealing with this pandemic with our mental health intact. Approaching anything that happens here with a trauma-informed lens can make all the difference in how well we handle the uncertainties presented. How that typically works is starting from the position that what has happened has created trauma, accepting that and being compassionate, individually and systemically. There is far more to the trauma-informed lens and we encourage members to investigate it as a method of looking at classroom and school interactions.

In Solidarity,
Ken

Interested in working at the CTA?

Labour Relations Officer

The CTA Labour Relations Officer position is filled on an annual basis. The CTA is now seeking members interested in the position for 2022-23.

Release time for this position is currently 1.0 and the responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- dealing with member problems and issues
- researching, preparing and presenting grievances
- collaborating with Table Officers
- maintaining confidentiality

The successful candidate will have excellent presentation skills and the ability to deal effectively with confrontational and stressful situations.

PD Chairperson

The CTA Professional Development Chair position is filled on an annual basis.

Release time for this position is currently 0.4 and the responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- chairing the PD Committee, the CTA PD Day Committee and LSA Council
- planning, developing, organizing and implementing professional development activities for the CTA Professional Development Day
- processing applications for PD assistance and course fee assistance
- maintaining a liaison between the CTA and the BCTF in matters of Professional Development

The successful candidate will have a sound knowledge of and be highly committed to, professional development; be well organized and support a collaborative and collegial office atmosphere.

Members interested in either of these positions should go to our website for a curriculum vitae form (Member Resources/Forms), which must be submitted to Kelly Stewart kstewart@cta43.org by Wednesday, April 6, 2022 4:30 p.m.



LOCAL REP TO THE BCTF ONE (1) POSITION OPEN

Local Reps to the BCTF represent CTA members at 3 BCTF Representative Assemblies (Fri/Sat) throughout the year as well as the BCTF Annual General Meeting. Some of the duties include scrutinizing minutes of the BCTF executive meetings and reporting back at CTA Executive Committee meetings and supporting the Executive Committee with getting information out to the broader membership. They will also attend CTA Executive Committee meetings, Representative Assemblies and General Meetings held Wednesdays throughout the year and be an active voice at the local level.

If you are interested in running for this position please go to the website to get and submit a CV to Kelly Stewart, kstewart@cta43.org by April 11, 2022

ELECTION OF THE 2022-2023 CTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following CTA Executive Committee positions will be filled at the

**CTA Year End General Meeting
Wednesday, May 11, 2022**

- President
- Second Vice President
- First Vice President
- Local Reps to the BCTF (2)
- Members - at - Large (6)
- Member-at-Large who identifies as Indigenous (1)
- Member-at-Large who identifies as a person of colour (1)

Those interested in running for any of these positions should go to coquitlamteachers.com for a CV form.

Deadline for receipt of CV form to the CTA office is **Monday, April 25, 2022.**

Please submit forms to kstewart@cta43.org.

Executive Committee

There is currently one Member at Large position open

If you are interested in running for this position please go to the website to get and submit a CV to Kelly Stewart kstewart@cta43.org by April 11, 2022

PD POWER

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a restful Spring Break and that you return to school ready to take on the last few months of this school year. As we head into the spring there are plenty of PD opportunities around – keep in mind that every teacher is eligible for two completed yellow form reimbursements from May 1st to April 30th of each year. Whatever you attend, make sure that you have your form in to the office at least two weeks in advance of the start of the workshop with program details attached. Check out the options below and keep your eye out for other workshops! - *Meggan Crawford PD Chair*

- Free virtual series (past episodes available as recordings, next live workshop is April 19th) highlighting the work of Black authors and illustrators: [Black Creators Series \(candlewick.com/\)](https://www.candlewick.com/)
- NASA (there are several workshops scheduled over the next few weeks!)
[Online EPD Webinar Archives - Texas State University \(txstate-epdc.net\)](https://www.txstate-epdc.net/)
- Can you Separate the art from the artist: April 27th 5pm – 7pm
[April 2022 Teacher Workshop | The Phillips Collection](#)
- Arts Integration in Action – May 18 5pm-7pm [May 2022 Teacher Workshop | The Phillips Collection](#)
- BCTF Calendar of Events – the calendar is updated whenever the BCTF has new event info to share!
<https://www.bctf.ca/whats-happening/event-calendar>



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PROUDLY PRESENT
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2022 **MAY 20** HILTON WHISTLER RESORT

MORNING SESSIONS 9:30–11:45
Sound Assessment Design
Aligning Assessment with Learning Goals
Smarter Science Inquiry Design
The Strategy is YOU!
Empowering Approaches for Challenging Behaviours

AFTERNOON SESSIONS 1:15–3:30
Using Assessment to Communicate and Report Student Learning
Science is a Verb
Demos and Discrepant Events to Generate Inquiry
Building a Kinder Class

[SPRING.OURCONFERENCE.CA](https://spring.ourconference.ca)

STA Sooke Teachers' Association **SOOKE SCHOOLS 62**

HOPE'N'ACTION
IN COLLABORATION
WITH
KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
DR. JODY CARRINGTON
APRIL 8TH, 2022

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

- RICHARD VAN CAMP**
CREATIVE WRITING FOR STUDENTS WITH BEST SELLING AUTHOR RICHARD VAN CAMP
VIRTUAL - 1:30-2:30PM
- SHELDON FRANKEN**
THE BEAUTY OF COPING & SERIOUS PLAY (BUILDING YOUR SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING TOOLBOX)
IN-PERSON - SESSION 1 & 2
- TAN HUYNH**
ELL - NURTURING NEWCOMERS
VIRTUAL - SESSION 2

OVER 25 WORKSHOPS TO CHOOSE FROM

FREE for SD62 Employees **\$50** for Out of District Attendees

2022 NTC The New Teacher's Conference is a professional development opportunity designed specifically for early career teachers with less than five years of teaching experience and teacher candidates.

This year's virtual conference will take place on the evening of May 13, 2022 and all day on May 14, 2022.

To learn more about the wide variety of workshop topics, keynote speakers, and guest presenters joining the New Teachers' Conference, visit the conference webpage.

Register now while \$25 tickets are still available, and tell your early career colleagues about this great opportunity.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER APRIL 1, 2022

POPARD's Online Course for Teachers: Supporting Students with ASD in the Classroom.

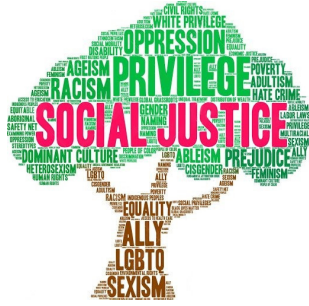


This interactive online course is intended to provide participants with the most current understanding of evidence-based practices for teaching students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). This course is designed for teachers who share an interest in learning about ASD and are currently working with students in a K-12 school-setting.

This 10-week virtual course runs from April 13 to June 21, 2022, and is open to teachers, Speech Language Pathologists, Counselors, School Psychologists, and Occupational Therapists employed by K-12 BC School Districts or Independent Schools.

The fee is \$50 and additional course details are available on the registration page here: <https://reg.planetreg.com/E11211475778874>

COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE **CASJ**



CASJ BOOKCLUB

Meets the first Thursday of every month.

Thurs April 7, 2022 (4pm on Teams)

will be the second session with Turnbull's "No Gods, No Monsters". Discussing up to the end of the chapter titled "Home".

CASJ COMMITTEE

Meets the 3rd Thursday of every Month

Thursday March 10, 2022 (4pm on Teams)

We will be continuing with ongoing work and turning our minds to what projects will be next. If you have ideas for what we should pursue next, please do attend or otherwise reach out. You can also be part of our ongoing work. Check us out on Teams.

CTA CASJ is now on Instagram! Find us at [socialjusticecta](#). We're also on FB at [CTA CASJ](#).

No experience necessary, new members welcome!!

Please contact Committee Chair [Karen Learmonth](#) or CTA liaison [Diether Malakoff](#) with any questions.



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Lending Library

<https://www.libib.com/u/ctalibrary>

Email lendinglibrary@cta43.org to create an account.

Moments of Joy

The crowd went silent so this student could hear where the basketball hoop was and her skills shone through: [Blind student inspires with basketball skills \(yahoo.com\)](#)

The newest exhibit at the Baltimore Museum of Art was curated by seventeen of their security guards: [Baltimore Museum of Art set to debut exhibit curated entirely by its security guards \(theweek.com\)](#)

This Instagram account collects happy stories from the last several years and shares them regularly to remind everyone of the good: [kindaKIND® \(@kindakindco\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

When a child draws something this father goes to photoshop to bring it to life – with hilarious results! https://www.boredpanda.com/drawings-real-life-things-i-have-drawn/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=organic

TTOCs & New Teachers

TTOC COMMITTEE

Meets the second Tuesday of every month

Tues April 12, 2022 at 4pm via zoom.

Further details on the meeting including a link to access the meeting is available in the [TTOC FB](#) Group under 'events'. Although TTOC committee meetings do have some structure and business, there is also plenty of time to chat and discuss concerns, ask questions, and otherwise connect with folks. All CTA members welcome, no experience necessary ☺ Come on out and bring a friend!

TTOC BOOKCLUB

We'll be reading Jane McAlevey's No Shortcuts: Organizing for Power in the New Gilded Age. If you're interested in being part of that conversation, we'll be discussing the chapters 3 and 4 at the next TTOC committee meeting. Join us on Facebook at CTA TTOCs for further details including getting access to the book.

Contact TTOC committee chair [Morgan McKee \(chair.ttoc@gmail.com\)](#) or [Diether Malakoff \(dmalakoff@cta43.org\)](#) if you have any questions about the committee or the bookclub.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

CTA PD Committee

2 Middle Reps, 1 LSA Rep, 1 TTOC Rep
2 Elementary Reps, 1 Adult Ed Rep, 1 Learning Services Rep

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

7 members-at-large

CTA Committee of Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

2 Middle Reps, 1 member at large rep, 1 Elementary Rep

New Westminster & District Labour Council

5 CTA reps

CTA Adult Educators

1 Learning Centre Rep

CTA Policy and Procedure Committee

1 Member at large rep

District Student Services Advisory Committee

2 CTA Reps

District Student Achievement Advisory Committee

1 CTA Rep

District Student Wellness & Safety Committee

1 CTA Rep

District Aboriginal Ed Advisory Committee

Currently Full

District French Advisory Committee

1 CTA Rep

District Technology Advisory Committee

2 CTA Reps

Teachers interested in any of these committees should go onto our website or click here for a curriculum vitae form and submit it to the CTA Office (kstewart@cta43.org). If you have questions, call the CTA Office at **604-936-9971**.

Contact Us:

Please see the list below for the officer or staff member best able to help you.

(Last names A-F) Ken Christensen, President
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(Last names G-L) Kara Obojski, 1st Vice-President
kobojski@cta43.org

(Last names M-R) Diether Malakoff, 2nd Vice-President
dmalakoff@cta43.org

(Last names S-Z) Andy Gilligan, Labour Relations Officer
agilligan@cta43.org

PD related questions
Meggan Crawford, PD Chairperson - mcrawford@cta43.org

CTA Administration

Kelly Roberts, Executive Director - kroberts@cta43.org

Accounting/Finance

Reimbursements, scholarship payments & CTA newsletter
Heidi Davis, Finance Administrator - hdavis@cta43.org

Membership Database, Website Access, Committees, Scholarships

Kelly Stewart, Office Clerk - kstewart@cta43.org

Office Clerk, CTA PD Day

Corbey Heyes-Jones, Office Clerk corbeyhj@cta43.org

If your situation is already being handled by an officer not matching your alpha assignment, please continue to liaise with that officer.



1-800-663-1142

TTY: 1-888-384-1152

International (Call collect):
604-689-1717

HomeWeb.ca

Employee and Family Assistance Program

Coaching | Counselling | Support

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CTA Website Login

Information is posted on our website as quickly as we have it. Please make sure you are able to access the site. If you have any questions about login please contact [Kelly Stewart](#)

www.coquitlamteachers.com

CTA Office: 604-936-9971

